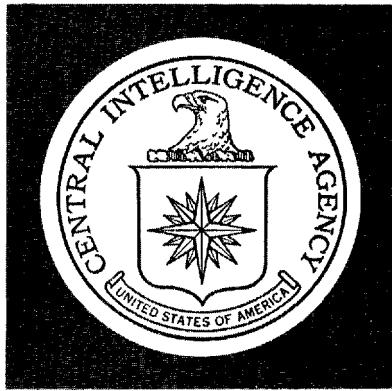


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Philippines: President Marcos has approved the maintenance of the Philippine civic action group (Philcag) in Vietnam at a strength of 1,500 men despite Congress' failure to appropriate supporting funds before it adjourned on 31 August, [redacted]

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[redacted] In recommending this action to Marcos the defense department stated it could maintain the unit from regular department funds. Marcos has approved a rotation of all Philcag personnel by the end of September. It will remain essentially an engineering unit, however. [redacted]

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[redacted] Marcos intends to submit the appropriation bill again during the next congressional session tentatively scheduled to begin in November. [redacted]

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